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SUBJECT: 2004 Reauthorization of the Fluid Milk Provision

TO: School Food Authority (SFA) Administrators

FROM: Christine Emerson, Director
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Effective July 1, 2005, schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) are no longer required to offer students a variety of fluid milk based on prior year preferences. As amended, schools must offer fluid milk in a variety of fat contents and may offer flavored or unflavored milk and lactose-free milk. This provision does not apply to the School Breakfast Program or Special Milk Program since these programs already have the flexibility to offer any type(s) of milk. The effective date allows school food authorities time to develop new procurement specifications for school year 2005-06.

If you have questions, please contact Holly Humphrey, School Nutrition Programs Specialist, (406) 444-4413.